

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An imaging device comprising:

imaging means for imaging a subject to acquire image data which represents said subject;

storage means for storing recommended composition data, which represent composition images that represent an image of a composition that is recommended in performing photography at various locations, in correlation with photography information including positional information which represents said various photography locations;

photography information acquisition means for acquiring said photography information;

read-out means for reading out desired, recommended composition data correlated with photography information which corresponds to said acquired photography information, from said storage means, based on said acquired photography information; and

display means for superposing and displaying a recommended composition image represented by said desired, recommended composition data and an image represented by said image data,

wherein along with said positional information included in the photography information, said photography information also includes date information which represents various recommended dates for performing photography at said various photography locations; and

in addition to said various photography locations, said recommended composition data represent composition images recommended on said various recommended photography dates for performing photography at said various photography locations,

and when the photography information includes more than one recommended photography date, each of the photography dates is ranked according to a relative degree of preference for performing photography.

2. (CANCELLED)

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An imaging device comprising:
imaging means for imaging a subject to acquire image data which represents said subject;
storage means for storing recommended composition data, which represent composition images that represent an image of a composition that is recommended in performing photography at various locations, in correlation with photography information containing including positional information which represents said various photography locations;
photography information acquisition means for acquiring said photography information;
read-out means for reading out desired, recommended composition data correlated with photography information which corresponds to said acquired photography information, from said storage means, based on said acquired photography information; and
display means for superposing and displaying a recommended composition image represented by said desired, recommended composition data and an image represented by said image data,
wherein along with said positional information included in the photography information, said photography information also includes weather information which represents various

recommended weather conditions suitable for photographing the recommended composition
~~when performing photography~~ at said various photography locations; and
~~in addition to said various photography locations, said recommended composition data~~
~~represent composition images recommended under said various recommended weather~~
~~conditions when performing photography at said various photography locations.~~

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The imaging device as set forth in claim 1,
wherein along with said positional information included in the photography information,
said photography information also includes weather information which represents various
recommended weather conditions when performing photography at said various photography
locations; and

in addition to said various photography locations, said recommended composition data
represent composition images recommended under said various recommended weather
conditions when performing photography at said various photography locations.

5. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 1, wherein
said photography information acquisition means includes global positioning system
(GPS) means for acquiring GPS information as said photography information, based on radio
waves from GPS satellites; and

read-out means reads out said desired, recommended composition data correlated with photography information which contains positional information corresponding to said GPS information, from said storage means, based on said GPS information.

6. (CANCELLED)

7. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 3, wherein
said photography information acquisition means includes global positioning system (GPS) means for acquiring GPS information as said photography information, based on radio waves from GPS satellites, and weather information acquisition means for accessing a weather information server which provides weather information recommended at said photography location, to acquire weather information recommended at said photography location; and
read-out means reads out said desired, recommended composition data correlated with photography information, which contains positional information corresponding to said GPS information and said acquired weather information, from said storage means, based on said GPS information and said acquired weather information.

8. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 4, wherein
said photography information acquisition means includes global positioning system (GPS) means for acquiring GPS information as said photography information, based on radio waves from GPS satellites, and weather information acquisition means for accessing a weather

information server which provides weather information recommended at said photography location, to acquire weather information recommended at said photography location; and
read-out means reads out said desired, recommended composition data correlated with photography information, which contains positional information and date information corresponding to said GPS information and said acquired weather information, from said storage means, based on said GPS information and said acquired weather information.

9. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising archive means for archiving the image data acquired by said imaging means.

10. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 9, wherein
said storage means stores imaging-condition information, which represents recommended imaging conditions suitable for archiving said image data in said archive means, in correlation with said recommended composition data; and
said read-out means reads out desired imaging-condition information correlated with said desired, recommended composition data, along with said desired, recommended composition data.

11. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 10, further comprising imaging-condition display means for displaying recommended imaging conditions represented by said desired imaging-condition information.

12. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 10, further comprising imaging-condition set means for setting said imaging means, based on recommended imaging conditions represented by said desired imaging-condition information.

13. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 11, further comprising imaging-condition set means for setting said imaging means, based on recommended imaging conditions represented by said desired imaging-condition information.

14. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 12, further comprising imaging-condition-set switching means for switching ON and OFF states of said imaging-condition set means.

15. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 12, wherein said read-out means reads out only said desired, recommended composition data correlated with imaging-condition information which represents recommended imaging conditions settable in said imaging means.

16. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 14, wherein said read-out means reads out only said desired, recommended composition data correlated with imaging-

condition information which represents recommended imaging conditions settable in said imaging means.

17. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 9, wherein
said recommended composition data have attendant information related to said
recommended composition images; and
said archive means attaches said attendant information to said image data when archiving
said image data.

18. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 10, wherein
said recommended composition data have attendant information related to said
recommended composition images; and
said archive means attaches said attendant information to said image data when archiving
said image data.

19. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 11, wherein
said recommended composition data have attendant information related to said
recommended composition images; and
said archive means attaches said attendant information to said image data when archiving
said image data.

20. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 12, wherein
said recommended composition data have attendant information related to said
recommended composition images; and
said archive means attaches said attendant information to said image data when archiving
said image data.

21. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 14, wherein
said recommended composition data have attendant information related to said
recommended composition images; and
said archive means attaches said attendant information to said image data when archiving
said image data.

22. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 15, wherein
said recommended composition data have attendant information related to said
recommended composition images; and
said archive means attaches said attendant information to said image data when archiving
said image data.

23. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising read-
out recognition means for informing that said desired, recommended composition data is read
out, when reading out said desired, recommended composition data.

24. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said display means includes selection display means for switching display and non-display of said recommended composition image.

25. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising coincidence recognition means for informing that said recommended composition image displayed on said display means has coincided with the image representing said subject.

26. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising photography-information-acquisition switching means for switching ON and OFF states of said photography information acquisition means.

27. (ORIGINAL) The imaging device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising: image switching means for switching ON and OFF states of said imaging means; and switching display means for sequentially displaying recommended composition images, represented by the recommended composition data stored in said storage means, on said display means when said imaging means is in the OFF state.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An imaging device comprising:

an imaging part for imaging a subject to acquire image data which represents said subject and a memory part for temporarily storing the image data;

a storage medium for storing recommended composition data, which represent composition images that represent an image of a composition that is recommended in performing photography at various locations, in correlation with photography information including positional information which represents said various photography locations;

a global positioning system (GPS) for acquiring said photography information containing positional information for a location;

a data read-out device for reading out desired, recommended composition data correlated with photography information which corresponds to said acquired photography information for the location, from said storage medium, based on said acquired photography information; and

a display or viewfinder for superposing and displaying a recommended composition image represented by said desired, recommended composition data and an image represented by said image data,

wherein along with said positional information included in the photography information, said photography information also includes date information which represents various recommended dates for performing photography at said various photography locations; and

in addition to said various photography locations, said recommended composition data represent composition images recommended on said various recommended photography dates for performing photography at said various photography locations,

and when the photography information includes more than one recommended photography date, each of the photography dates is ranked according to a relative degree of preference for performing photography.

29. (CANCELLED)

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An imaging device comprising
an imaging part for imaging a subject to acquire image data which represents said subject
and a memory part for temporarily storing the image data;
a storage medium for storing recommended composition data, which represent composition images that represent an image of a composition that is recommended in performing photography at various locations, in correlation with photography information including positional information which represents said various photography locations;
a global positioning system (GPS) for acquiring said photography information including positional information for a location;
a data read-out device for reading out desired, recommended composition data correlated with photography information which corresponds to said acquired photography information for the location, from said storage medium, based on said acquired photography information; and
a display or viewfinder for superposing and displaying a recommended composition image represented by said desired, recommended composition data and an image represented by said image data,

wherein along with said positional information included in the photography information, said photography information also includes weather information which represents various recommended weather conditions ~~when performing photography suitable for photographing the recommended composition at said various photography locations; and~~
~~in addition to said various photography locations, said recommended composition data represent composition images recommended under said various recommended weather conditions when performing photography at said various photography locations.~~

31. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The imaging device as set forth in claim 28, wherein said photography information includes weather information accessed through a weather information server which provides weather information recommended at said photography location, to acquire weather information recommended at said photography location.

32. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The imaging device as set forth in claim 28, further comprising an archiving part for archiving the image data acquired by said imaging device.

33. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The imaging device as set forth in claim 28, wherein said display or viewfinder includes a selection device for switching between a display mode and a non-display mode of said recommended composition image.

34. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The imaging device as set forth in claim 28, further comprising coincidence recognition device for indicating that said recommended composition image displayed on said display or viewfinder has coincided with the image representing said subject.

35. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The imaging device as set forth in claim 28, further comprising a photography-information-acquisition switching device for switching between ON and OFF states of said global positioning system (GPS).